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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 29, 2008, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. Additional claims fees for two independent claims are enclosed herewith. No additional fees or extensions of time are believed due for consideration of the enclosed. However, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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